

and into the black.

The Halls whole family at home in the U.S. got involved. When Lesta Hall wrote she was going to teach applique quilting next, all their daughters (5) sent patterns, pictures, ideas, & even quilt "prints" which are for the market in America of which look "appliques". They also sent more <sup>Black members</sup> ~~lets~~ <sup>walls</sup>

*His Chaya the U.S. President in Philadelphia was helping her teaching the Hall to teach the other sewing the new*

the <sup>Black members</sup> ~~lets~~ <sup>walls</sup> ~~the H. J. branch~~ made more than 100 quilts from April to Oct. when the Halls were transferred to So. Africa.

Several when a sewing machine was required those who had them, helped those who didn't. The Halls felt that several ~~stitches~~ ~~things~~ were accomplished in the project. who didn't. The Sister were wonderful to help each other.

Before they left they had the ladies with their own equipment, all paid for, about 10 ladies they knew where to buy the material at best prices, where to sell them & how to figure costs & <sup>getting on their sewing</sup> ~~the amount of work to be~~

The Halls feel good about the project & feel it accomplished several purposes.

- 1) Working together in quilting "bus" fostered love & understanding among the ladies. <sup>Sanitation was taught & helped by a young old</sup>
- 2) Taught sanitation. To sell on the <sup>market</sup> ~~market~~ the quilts had to look & smell clean. They kept the quilts in lg plastic bags while working on them & when they were finished.

*This is no easy accomplishment many of the ladies were very busy with their own work*



2. The quilts could be made ~~at~~ <sup>in</sup> their own homes & the ladies could stay in the home with their children.
3. They learned ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> learn basic business economics.

4. They learned a new "marketable" skill. They learned ~~how~~ <sup>how</sup> to buy material at best prices. How to figure costs, where to sell, etc.

5. <sup>They learned</sup> How to figure things on their earnings. & one of the greatest thrills was when the Halls saw the ladies putting aside "The Lord's money" as one of the ladies called it.

7. The ladies were encouraged to try to "save" some of their earnings while the Halls financed the project initially they wanted the ladies to be self-sufficient & <sup>feel that they had "earned" their equipment</sup> as they sold quilts ~~to~~ they paid for materials & equipment until they ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> enough material for one quilt <sup>basic</sup> about costs. ~~Then~~ They were encouraged to always ~~buy~~ <sup>buy at least</sup> "one" new piece of material for one new quilt ~~at~~ <sup>at least</sup> everytime they sold a quilt.

"You wouldn't eat your seed grain would you?"

the Halls <sup>asked them</sup> when the Halls <sup>came!</sup> left every finished quilt had been sold & all the ladies

were independent quilt makers who were in ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> quilts to work on & sell after they left a position to train others of their sisters.

~~the~~ Mr. Kept asking ~~them~~ <sup>themselves</sup> was

this "really" what the Lord wanted us to do. The Lord has said that now has he given a "material" commandment.

All is spiritual to the Lord. And a family who is self-sufficient is a better

From member interest in quilting led to possibly being "of partment"

The Halls' change

measure



A happier member of the church.

Elder Hall was Branch Pres. while there also and his sister Hall also spent <sup>much</sup> time teaching leadership skills to the Black members.

~~She~~ Working so closely with the Branch members color & traditional differences dissipated and one ~~was~~ ~~felt~~ only the brotherly of sister ~~was~~ ~~forgot~~ ~~not~~ ~~color~~ & ~~other~~ differences are ~~not~~ ~~so~~ ~~important~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~brother~~ & ~~sister~~ in the ~~community~~.

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Is Sister Hall a talented quilter?  
Decidedly "No". But she had learned enough of the art in R.S. to pass it on to her sisters in Zimbabwe. ~~It is~~ ~~clear~~ ~~that~~ ~~one~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~certain~~, she knows more about quilting now, ~~even~~ ~~than~~ ~~she~~ ~~did~~ ~~a~~ ~~year~~ ~~ago~~, ~~you~~ ~~can~~ ~~be~~ ~~sure~~. ~~So~~ ~~you~~

There is a decided renewed interest in quilting ~~every~~ in So Africa <sup>where the Halls are now</sup>. Especially among the younger women & Sister Hall has found that there are those <sup>interested</sup> in quilting in every R.S. she has been associated with so far on their mission <sup>and in the</sup> ~~in~~ ~~general~~. ~~The~~ ~~Halls~~ ~~They~~ are now in Cape Town I plan to use quilting as a proselyting ~~tool~~ ~~to~~ ~~meet~~ ~~new~~ ~~people~~ & ~~friendship~~ ~~building~~ ~~tool~~. A lot of <sup>friendship</sup> ~~companionship~~ can be ~~gotten~~ ~~around~~ ~~a~~ ~~quilt~~..



A missionary couple from Brown Utah saved themselves  
 involved in starting a cottage industry among the black-led  
 of the highest Branch in Zimbabwe, where they were serving.  
 of the product: Baby quilts.

what is it like to go on a mission as a retired couple? A frequently asked question. And I'm sure the answer is as different each time as there are couples, who answer.

~~Some couples~~ It usually takes a while before a couple "finds" their particular niche in the mission field, and the answer usually lies in the needs of the ~~and the~~ people in the area they are serving and the talents, background and ~~the~~ <sup>church</sup> abilities of the couple in relation to those needs.

The ~~Halls~~, <sup>serving in Zimbabwe found a special Abimadas</sup> ~~entry couple~~! Before leaving the <sup>mission field</sup> ~~country~~ every couple is taken to S.L. for a starting <sup>week</sup> <sup>at a cottage</sup> "briefing". I forget ~~the~~ <sup>what they called</sup> this training session on the M.C. <sup>at a cottage</sup> <sup>industrial</sup> schedule, but when <sup>The Hall</sup> ~~we~~ visited the R.S. <sup>among</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>Black</sup> <sup>R.S</sup> general board, Sister Joy Evans who had <sup>just</sup> <sup>been</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>Zimbabwe</sup> <sup>was</sup> <sup>waiting</sup> <sup>for</sup> <sup>us</sup> ~~the~~ ~~Halls~~ ~~then~~.

"Teach the women down there to quilt!" she said. She also said there was a need for literacy training.

"How?" <sup>Hall</sup> ~~we~~ "Can we get bathing there?" <sup>Sister</sup> ~~she~~ asked.

<sup>Sister</sup> ~~I~~ "I don't know - I told her if she could <sup>to Zimbabwe</sup> ~~send~~ ~~me~~ ~~some~~ ~~batting~~ ~~I~~ ~~would~~ ~~teach~~ ~~the~~ ~~women~~ ~~to~~ ~~quilt~~." ~~Sister~~



when we arrived in Zimbabwe we  
were assigned to the black branch, Harare II.  
Highfield Branch ~~which~~ whose first  
members joined in 1980.

Like any other branch in any other  
part of the world some members were  
more prosperous & better educated than  
others. ~~Some~~ Some of the members had a hard

~~time~~ <sup>time</sup> ~~paying their children's~~ <sup>school fees,</sup>  
Ours we could see a need for leadership  
training, but also could see a need for  
the members, some of the R. & D. sisters  
to have a way to supplement their  
family incomes.

Many women in Zimbabwe  
do beautiful crochet work but the  
market was overcrowded & the  
tourist business was down.

~~a couple of it~~ ~~I saw~~ about this  
time I started getting ~~binbonded~~ 72x108  
batts, 2 to a container started arriving  
~~in~~ at our dwelling place. <sup>from the Highfield</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>from PS</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>general</sup>  
able to get 4 to 6 baby quilts <sup>from</sup> ~~from~~  
a batt. We started to teach the ladies to  
~~the~~ we started to teach the ladies <sup>quilt</sup> ~~quilt~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>quilt</sup>  
the ~~members~~ <sup>members</sup> ~~learning~~ <sup>learning</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~make~~ <sup>make</sup> ~~large~~ <sup>large</sup> ~~enough~~ <sup>enough</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~accommodate~~ <sup>accommodate</sup>  
prof. Elder Hall, a scientist by a full time  
profession but also quite a handy <sup>quilt</sup> ~~man~~ <sup>man</sup>  
with tools looked around for a way to baby  
make the ladies of the branch quilting <sup>frames</sup> ~~frames~~  
frames & stands at the lowest cost <sup>36x45</sup> ~~possible~~ <sup>possible</sup>  
possible. Also he looked around the <sup>baby quilt</sup> ~~first~~ <sup>first</sup>  
first frames were made of a native wood <sup>regl.</sup> ~~regl.~~



of such hardness that hammers were required for tacking on the quilts. He soon found a softer natural wood which was much easier to tack into.

During his 9 month stay he made 9 sets of frames + stands - and two sets made by a local brother with a carpentry shop were donated to the two Branch Relief Societies in Harare.

He also found excellent local materials at reasonable prices + a foam substitute that could be used in place of batting. She made up about 4 or 5 sample quilts and went "shopping" to see what the local market would be. She found a good market for infant quilts but that everyone - even the baby shop owners, thought the market would be seasonal, the demand being only in the winter months of July, Aug. Happily, it turned out that they sold well all year.

One day an Indian shop owner saw the Hall's passing his store with some quilts + called them in to see the quilts. He bought one for his own baby + ordered 7 60" x 85" quilts for his other family. This particular order got the lady paid for the ladies' equipment, and got them out of the red

It was found from a local army supply store to purchase "off cuts" for the quilts. She found a good market for infant quilts but that everyone - even the baby shop owners, thought the market would be seasonal, the demand being only in the winter months of July, Aug. Happily, it turned out that they sold well all year.